

## UNIFIED STRIKE, DEMONSTRATION AND GATHERING OF WEAVING WORKERS

On 17th March 2003, almost one thousand workers of Tedjarat Company, Rahim Zadeh, Kohe Faht and Pars Fastony factories stopped the work in city of Esfahan. They demonstrated in the streets and finally gathered in front of General Governor Office. In this demonstration, the workers demanded payment of their retroactive wages for the past 6-8 months and consideration of their uncertain situation. Government officials who had been scared of unified demonstration sent police forces to the place in order to stop the workers action. But the workers resisted. They stressed upon their demands and then the police forces attacked them. Due to this barbaric act conducted by the police , several workers injured and several others been arrested. The arrest continued even after the demonstration. Several workers being arrested at night and imprisoned. Totally 12 workers have been arrested but they realised by bell. The court of justice will consider the sentences after New Year holidays. The workers will be sentenced for demanding their wages!

## STRIKE BY COLLECTIVE TRANSPORT DRIVERS

On 16th March 2003, the collective transport drivers in city of Kermanshah went on strike. The management had promised them before to pay them retroactive wages, New Year bounce and other subsidiaries latest by 6th March. But it did not happen. Though the drivers stopped all the busses in main square in the city which caused traffic jam. In order to stop the strike, a representative from the Governor Office presented at the place. He promised to consider all the demands and all the payments will be done immediately. The strikers threatened that if all their three demands will not be considered, they will be on strike again.

## PROTEST GATHERING OF MUNICIPAL WORKERS

Tens of Municipal workers engaged in Region 12 of Tehran, gathered in protest against not payment of their retroactive wages in front of the Municipal Regional Office. In this gathering which started at 5 p.m. and ended by 9 p.m., the workers demanded payment of three months retroactive wages.

## STRIKE AND DEMONSTRATION BY NAKHTAB AND TOOMAT

Hundreds of workers engaged in Nakhtab in city of Tabriz, once again went on strike demanding payment of their retroactive wages. The strike took place on 12th March. While Nakhtab workers were demonstrating, the workers of Toomat stopped the work and joined them. The workers demanded the payment and consideration of their uncertain situation. Though no one consider their demands, the workers arranged another demonstration on 14th March. They demonstrated in city streets and demanded the same. All of sudden the suppressive forces surrounded the demonstrates and attacked them in a barbaric way. Due to this attack number of workers injured.

## STRIKE AND DEMONSTRATION BY WEAVING WORKERS OF TELAR

Workers engaged in Weaving Factory Telar in city of Ghaem Shahr, protested against not payment of wages and other subsidiaries. They then demonstrated in streets and gathered in front of Governor Office. They demanded that the Governor come to them and answer to their demands. The workers demanded payment of their retroactive wages for the last three months.

## STRIKE IN KAARON DAM

The workers engaged in Kaaron Dam, went in strike on 6th March. The management first threatened the workers in vain but then asked the workers for two days consideration. The workers stated that if their demands will not be considered they will go in an indefinite strike.

## JAMCO SHUT DOWN AND UNEMPLOYMENT OF 270 WORKERS

The management employed by so called "Delegation for Supporting Industry", shut down Jamco and unemployed 270 workers. It is noticeable that Jamco has been productive in the last 35 years in production of garments. This factory transferred to the private sector in the beginning of 80's. And since 1997, the workers of this factory have arranged several strikes due to the economic crises and not payment of wages. Finally in by the end of 2002, "Delegation of Supporting Industry" employed a new management in order to solve the crises. But this either solved any problem. Few days ago, the Executive Director came to the workers and asked them to redeem them selves voluntarily. But the workers since now have not accepted the suggestion.